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FIXING OF A GRADIENT COIL ASSEMBLY
OF A NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE
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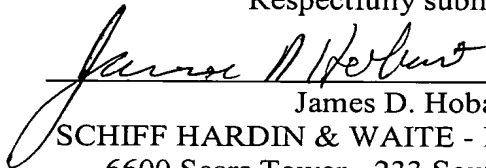
In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that a citation and examination of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-identified application.

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On page 3 of the specification, in the Background of the Invention, U.S. Patent No. 6,107,799 and German 197 22 481 C2 were discussed. Copies of these two references are attached herewith, and it is respectfully submitted that the specification distinguishes the claims over the teachings of these two references.

Attached herewith is an Office Action dated May 12, 2003 from the German Patent Office in the priority application 102 28 829.1. This Office Action cited the above-mentioned German 197 22 481 and also cited three U.S. Patents (Nos. 3,774,403; 4,889,450 and 5,345,177). Copies of these three U.S. Patents are attached herewith, and it is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable over the teachings of these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate	
	AA	3,774,403	11/27/1973	Cushing				
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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	AL	197 22 481	02/10/2000	Germany			See AD	
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